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Celebrating High School Grads: Special Section Inside

## Virtual open house on shoreline bylaw

by CHAD INGRAM  
*Editor*

There will be a virtual open house on the creation of a draft shoreline preservation bylaw for the County of Haliburton on the evening of Thursday, July 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The open house will be hosted by representatives from Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. and J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd., the consultants hired by county for the creation of the draft bylaw.

Anyone who wishes to speak at the open house is asked to register by contacting Stephen Stone, the county's new director of planning, at [ssstone@haliburtoncounty.ca](mailto:sstone@haliburtoncounty.ca). Those who do not wish to speak can still view the meeting as it happens on the county's YouTube channel, or watch it there after the fact as meetings are recorded.

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### Getting a handle on things

Minden Hills township employee Emily Parish waters the flower baskets along Bobcaygeon Road on the morning of July 13. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

## Volunteers needed for youth sailing club

by DARREN LUM  
*Times Staff*

Help make this summer a nautical highlight for youth by volunteering for the Haliburton

County Youth Sailing Association.

Entering its third year of operation, the sailing association is a community initiative and offers a unique experience for youth and young adults with an introduction to sailing, but also an opportunity to feel empowered

and confident.

Robin Carmount, who only began sailing a few years ago, started the association in the hopes of getting young participants outside to spend time at the lake to learn and to laugh.

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# Open houses, surveys part of process

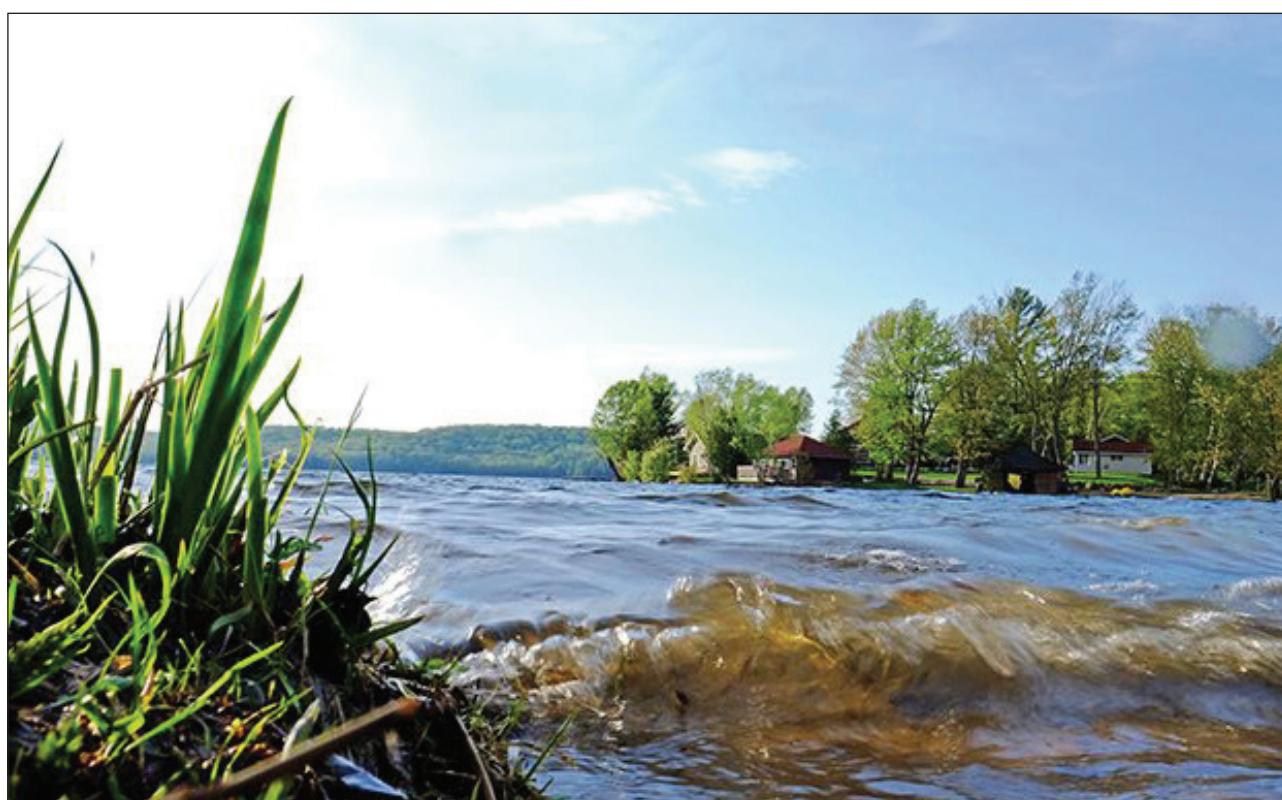
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The county had begun meetings regarding the drafting of a bylaw aimed at protecting lake health by restricting site alteration and the removal of vegetation near water bodies in early 2020. However, there was significant controversy and public criticism of a draft bylaw – particularly a recommended setback of 30-metres for site alteration and vegetation removal – as well as the in-house process the county had undertaken, and in January of this year, council decided to abandon that process and instead hire a consultant for the creation of a draft bylaw.

The public engagement process the consultants are undertaking will include open houses, surveys and one-on-one interviews with identified stakeholders and municipal representatives. They will also conduct a scientific review and review of successful practices in other communities. It is expected a new draft shoreline preservation bylaw will come before council for approval by October.

For more information, contact Jason Ferrigan, senior planner with J.L. Richards & Associates at 705-806-4422 or jferri-gan@jlrichards.ca; or planner Gaurang Khandelwal at 226-770-3317 or gkhandelwal@jlrichards.ca

**A virtual open house regarding the creation of a draft shoreline preservation bylaw for the county will take place on the evening of July 29. /File photo**



## Virtanen resigns as tourism director to take on new gig

by CHAD INGRAM  
Editor

This week is Amanda Virtanen's final one as tourism director for the County of Haliburton, as she resigns her post for a position as a senior vice president and partner of a public relations and branding agency.

Virtanen, who started with the county in the spring of 2013 and modernized the marketing activities of its tourism department, will work her final day on June 14.

"I've truly enjoyed working with the many tourism business owners and partners in the Haliburton Highlands over the past eight years. As the community emerges from the pandemic, there's an exciting future ahead with much opportunity for tourism in our region," Virtanen told the *Times*. "I'm looking forward to the next chapter for me, and truly grateful that I'll be able to continue living and working in the Highlands."



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Virtanen created the #MyHaliburtonHighlands brand and the county's tourism strategy, dramatically expanded its digital and social media presence, and oversaw a host of projects and events. As county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter put it, she re-invented the way the county does its tourism business.

"The county is very sad to see Amanda leave, but we are grateful for all she accomplished in her time with us," Rutter said in an email. "With the support of council and the tourism stakeholders, she was able to lead us through a complete reinvention of how the county showcased the great things we have to offer. We know that many people 'found' the county as a result of her marketing efforts, and we often hear stories

of how those short visits evolved into decisions to relocate on a permanent basis. I know we share her pride in those accomplishments, and we continue to benefit from the solid foundation that has been developed."

As for what happens next, Rutter said he and county councillors will be reviewing the position description before proceeding with a recruitment process.

"Whenever we have a vacancy, we take the opportunity to review the mandate of the position and have a conversation about the skill set we will be looking for in prospective candidates," Rutter said. "Council and I are currently in that review process. There is no doubt, however, that Amanda's replacement will have very big shoes to fill."

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Haliburton	Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	Cases per 100,000 residents	
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37	430	346	813	
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# Renowned Robinson's General Store Celebrates 100th Year Anniversary

by GRACE OBORNE  
Times Staff

Robinson's General Store in Dorset is celebrating an important milestone.

As the store turns 100 years old, new owners Mike and Katie Hinbest acknowledged the milestone on July 10 alongside former owner, Brad Robinson.

As of May 1, the couple became owners of Dorset's renowned Robinson's General Store after it had been a business that belonged to seven Robinson generations. Having reached such a significant milestone, Mike and Katie have plans to ensure that the success the store carried for 100 years is properly recognized.

"It's hard with COVID, because we can't really have a planned event, but we are going to decorate the outside. We've got big balloons coming and we ordered cupcakes," said Katie.

The couple also want to celebrate Brad Robinson and his triumphs during his time with the store, "Mike and I plan to present Brad with a picture we are having made by a local artist, Mary An Blythe." The couple presented the picture to Brad during a small celebration on Saturday, July 10.

Mike, Katie, and Brad feel strongly that their store wouldn't run the way it does without their hardworking staff.

"We've been lucky here, in that we've been able to attract a lot of good students. Without those teenagers, we couldn't run the store. Because we hire about 40 students every year. And we don't have 40 people in Dorset looking for two month's work. And it's been a godsend. But one of the biggest things we have going for us is the other staff in the store as well. We have, I think, 10 year-round staff," said Brad.

To celebrate the staff and their hard work, Mike and Katie have ordered "Robinson's anniversary" sweaters to be made, along with other little celebratory gifts.

"There will only be 100 made and our staff will all get one, as well as the Robinson family. Then the rest will be for sale at the store to the lucky few who can scoop them up in time!"

To Brad Robinson, the celebration of the store's 100th year reminds him of his father and the aspirations he had for Brad



Katie and Mike Hinbest standing with former owner Brad Robinson in front of renowned Robinson's General Store, as they prepare to celebrate the store's 100 year anniversary. / GRACE OBORNE Staff

and the future success of the store.

"Years and years ago, my father said, 'we will make the store so good people will have to come visit,' and basically that is what has happened. We've been lucky that people come from far and wide to see our store."

Since Mike and Katie took ownership of Robinson's General Store, they say that their experience has been nothing short of amazing.

"Yes, it's been crazy busy, but it's been really good. We've both said, how much we enjoy it, and that we look forward to actually getting up in the morning and going to work," Katie noted.

She added, "It feels like it never stops, but it doesn't feel like work because it's enjoyable. All the employees have also been so welcoming, so it's been a really good transition."

Though the community has embraced and welcomed Mike and Katie, there has been some concern that change in ownership could lead to changes at the store. The Hinbests express that there is absolutely nothing to worry about on that front. They are keen on keeping the Robinson brand and continuing the "Robinson way" about the store.

"Robinson's is the name of Dorset, everybody knows it so I think it would be so stupid of us to change the name. It has such a wonderful legacy in Dorset that we have to keep the name," said Katie.

"The people of Dorset were very, very concerned as to what was going to happen here," Brad expressed. "One of the first things Mike did when he purchased the store was made an announcement saying, 'don't worry, the store is going to stay very much the same as it's always been,' and people have come to me since then and said, 'thank goodness.'"

Mike and Katie are extremely passionate about the Robinson's brand that they also carried it across the bridge to the marina that they own as well – The Robinson's Marina and Powersports.

"We did that because we wanted people to know that we were the same owners as well and carry the consistency for what we want to, hopefully, bring to Dorset to make better for the town," said Katie.

For more information about Robinson's General Store, visit robinsonsgeneralstore.ca



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## (VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

July 29 – Regular Council Meeting

August 26 – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July, August and December.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/) or by using the direct link provided in the notice.

We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process.

Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at [www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/).

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The Township is seeking proposals from interested and qualified Respondents for the provision and installation of exercise equipment in the new Minden Hills Community Centre and SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena. The deadline for submissions is July 28, 2021 by 12:00 noon.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently looking to fill a variety of positions within the Township. Many opportunities include benefits such as enrollment in a comprehensive benefit package, Employee Assistance Plan, life insurance, personal health coverage, OMERS pension plan, vacation, float and sick time entitlements as well as opportunities for training and development.

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### 100 Women donate to dental health

The 100 Women Who Care Haliburton executive members, Pat Bradley, from left, Tina Palmer and Sandra Slauenwhite-Box presented the Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) for Haliburton County representative directors Betty Mills, Kathy Purc and Lisa Kerr with a donation of \$6,400 on Tuesday, June 29 in Minden. The donation was made because the 100 Women Who Care members voted to allocate their cumulative individual donations to the VDO at their ZOOM meeting on June 23. The local chapter of 100 Women Who Care members meet three times per year and vote to donate \$100 each to one of three charities selected after an individual from the chosen charities has given a five minute description of the role the charity plays in the County of Haliburton. Local Charities are nominated by members prior to the meeting and drawn two weeks before the meeting. The next meeting will take place in October and new members and charity nominations are always welcome. /Submitted by Lisa Kerr

## Ontario to move into Step 3, largely reopen on Friday

by MIKE BAKER  
Times Staff

The next step in Ontario's COVID-19 recovery will be ushered in on Friday, July 16 in a move that will see indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities, cinemas, museums and casinos reopen, and restrictions removed for all indoor dining, retail and personal care businesses.

In an announcement on Friday, July 9 Premier Doug Ford said he had no problems easing restrictions a few days early – Ontario was originally slated to move to Step 3 on July 21 – due to the province's strong vaccination numbers, with around 79 per cent of adults vaccinated with one dose and more than 50 per cent fully vaccinated as of Friday.

"We will have this province booming, similar to what we had before," Ford promised in his remarks.

As of Friday, indoor social gatherings and events can run with up to 25 people in attendance, outdoor social gatherings and events can have up to 100 people attend, and large religious services and other ceremonies, such as weddings and funerals, can happen indoors with physical distancing measures in place.

Indoor dining can resume with no set limit on the number of people per table or in the restaurant, as long as physical distancing can be maintained. Nightclubs and similar businesses will also be permitted to reopen, with a maximum of 250 people, or 25 per cent capacity, whichever is fewer, allowed inside.

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## Getting blue on Moore Lake

Hosted by the Moore Lake Property Owners' Association, the B&B Blues Band performed a lakeside concert for about 50 boats on the afternoon of July 3. /Photos submitted by Fay Splett

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## Service above self

**W**HEN PRIME Minister Justin Trudeau said earlier this year he hoped to see the vast majority of Canadians fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by September, it seemed impossible to fathom.

If you recall, at the time, Canada was experiencing issues with its supply of vaccine, which seemed to be trickling into the country. I remember thinking it would likely be late this year, or even into the beginning of next year, by the time I received my second dose.

It turns out that Trudeau was probably not too far off the mark. Through the spring and summer, the speed at which vaccinations are being administered in Canada has increased dramatically. As of Monday, some 43 per cent of Canadian residents had received two doses of vaccine. In Ontario, more than 50 per cent of adults are now considered fully vaccinated against the virus, and registration for first and second shots has been opened up to those 12 and older.

While there have been some tensions and some finger-pointing between the federal and provincial levels of government throughout the pandemic, Canada's success in vaccinating its population is the result of cooperation and coordination between federal, provincial and local governments and organizations. At the local level, this includes municipalities working with health units to provide venues for assessment centres and vaccination hubs. There are also the volunteers who've helped operate

vaccination sites across the country, and that brings me to the members of Minden Rotary Club.

I received my second vaccine dose last week at the Minden Hills Community Centre. I've been in the community centre 200 times if I've been in it once, but I've never seen it look like it does right now. Translucent, zigzagging partitions forming the cubbies where inoculations are administered. Pylons, arrows made of tape, and volunteers with clipboards, masks and face shields helping guide residents through the process.

The Rotary Club has headed up the volunteer effort at the Minden clinic, and there, behind those masks and shields, familiar faces, the ones we're accustomed to seeing at dinners and auctions, selling hot dogs on Canada Day, or collecting coins in charity tolls. The people who raise money for playground and hospital equipment, now helping us through what is hopefully the last stage of the pandemic. And they've been at it for months. They are the walking embodiment of the Rotary Club's motto of service above self.

Among them, Lynda Litwin, Mickey Bonham, Sally Moore, the indefatigable Jeanne Anthon – what are you even made of, Jeanne?

The pandemic response may start at the highest levels of government, but it concludes with community volunteers on the ground. Huge thanks to everyone who's volunteered at the Minden clinic for facilitating an efficient and effective process.



**CHAD INGRAM**  
Editor

## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

### Kwarky



*Kim Wank*

*"Who's been a good boy?"*

## Life before glamping

**A**NYONE WHO camps these days has probably heard the term glamping. As far as I can ascertain, it refers to glamourous camping, which is frankly an oxymoron. Apparently though, glampers take lamps and carpets and all manner of cushions and electronics and they often sleep in yurts and other shelters that appear to be better than my first apartment.

Things were different when I was a kid. Back then, we just had cramping.

Cramping will fondly be remembered by any person 55 years and older. It is also the main reason people 55 years and older now prefer cottages. For those unaware of this camping craze, it was essentially the act of getting six or more kids into a two-person pup tent. I think the concept was founded on the belief that if there were six of you, your odds of escaping an ax murderer, werewolf or carnivorous beast were greatly improved.

Regardless, cramping was an adventure in itself.

As soon as the sun started to go down, you had to give a bit of thought to where you wanted to be positioned in the tent – by the doors, or in the middle.

If you were by one of the doors you would have to endure being trampled and stepped on every time someone had to answer nature's call – which, given the amount of soft drinks and nervous bladders we brought along, was a lot. If you were at the door, you quickly learned what it was like to try to sleep on a parade route.

The advantage to being beside the door was a) you could answer nature's call quickly and b) you could stick your nose

up against the screen so you could breathe fresh air instead of the assorted toxins produced by six grimy kids who had spent the day eating junk food.

The kids in the middle were generally the ones who had more confidence in their bladders. On occasion, however, this was not the case but was offset by their irrational fear of being eaten by bears or wolves – which was not something that happened a lot in most suburban backyards.

Having a kid with a weak bladder in the middle of the tent was, of course, a water bomb waiting to happen. For just one howl or inexplicable grunt outside the tent would be all that was needed for them to try to convince the rest of us in the morning that dew can fall inside a tent too, and furthermore, inside a sleeping bag and a person's shorts.

Sometimes that wouldn't happen though and all the occupants of the tent would wake up dry but also extremely irritated and tired from being kept up by the heat, smell and noise generated by six tightly confined bodies.

By the way, watching six or more kids emerge from a two-person pup tent was like watching a dozen clowns emerge from a tiny clown car – but perhaps even sadder.

The two worst things that could happen on a cramping weekend was steady pouring rain and flatulence. So, it should come as no surprise that the worst two things always happened. This is why people of my generation understand that life is not always fair.

Cramping had its good points too, however. Mostly, it taught us the value of a three-person tent.



**STEVE GALEA**  
*Beyond 35*

## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# Did Neanderthals have more fun?

**Y**OU HAVE to wonder whether the Neanderthals of 50,000 years ago lived better lives than we genius Homo Sapiens of the super tech 21st century.

The Neanderthals lived in caves and had only wood and stone tools, but probably had more relaxed and rewarding lives than we do today. Yuval Noah Harari makes that case in his international bestselling book titled *Sapiens. A Brief History of Mankind*.

Ancient peoples were hunter-gatherers who fed themselves by gathering berries, nuts, roots, insects and plants and by hunting animals. Getting food was their main job and, in some ways, it was easier than the jobs we have today.

These hunter-gatherers set off into the meadows and woods some time after dawn in search of mushrooms, bugs or anything else edible. They likely had all they needed by noon and were back home for lunch, with the rest of the day for napping, telling stories and playing with the kids.

Today, many folks climb into a vehicle after dawn, endure a frustrating commute to the shop, and work repetitive, mind-numbing tasks until early evening. They make the same irritating and boring commute

back home for a late dinner, perhaps a bit of TV, then bed.

Many are not totally happy with this lifestyle. It probably is a factor in the social unrest we see today.

And, not just in capitalistic countries. There have been stories recently about Chinese workers, notably younger ones, suffering burnout from long hours doing boring jobs.

Dolly Parton sang about working 9-to-5; the Chinese now are singing 996, a reference to working from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., six days a week.

Hunter-gathers also had a lighter household work load. No dishes to wash. No toilets to clean. No vacuuming or sweeping up. No beds to make.

Today we have luxuries like vacuum cleaners and dishwashers to help us but luxuries need to be maintained, which costs time and money, which requires us to work harder.

Overall, Neanderthals had more time to relax and less worry about what was going on around them.

There were no organized politics back then, so Neanderthals did not have to put up with the thought manipulation, misinformation, and outright lying that we have today. No arguments over vaccines because there was little infectious disease and no large, crowded populations in which epidemics thrive.

The Neanderthals did have worries. If one fell and broke a leg, there was no health care.

Going to work could be dangerous. You could be bitten by a poisonous snake, eaten by a sabre tooth tiger or stepped on by a woolly mammoth.

Folks today don't have to fear being attacked by wild animals while going to work. However, we could be killed in traffic accident or in a drive-by shooting.

As our cities grow larger and more crowded, they become more dangerous, less healthy and less likely to be places of better living. More people are feeling this and are moving to smaller, more relaxed places.

Statistics Canada reported recently a sharp rise in the number of people moving out of our three largest cities – Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal. It reported that 87,444 people left those three cities between July 2019 and July 2020 for other parts of the same province, up from an average annual exodus of 72,686 the previous three years.

Few of us would want to live in a cave, or spend the day digging roots and catching insects for food. But many people are looking for less stressful, simpler lives.

Harari's thoughts in the book *Sapiens* put the lives of Neanderthals, plus our own lives, in a new light. It's a fascinating and provocative look at human history and is followed up by: *Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow*.

The latter contains thoughts, supported by some interesting facts, about what our future might hold.

The Neanderthals lived lives directed by the forces of nature. Today increasingly large chunks of our lives are directed by computerization.

That leaves me wondering not just whether the Neanderthals lived better lives, but whether algorithms will become more important than nature and life will become simply data processing.



**JIM POLING SR.**

From *Shaman's Rock*

# Did Neanderthals have more fun?

## letters to the editor

# Not the spot for pot shop

### To the Editor,

What in the world is going on? A cannabis store on Minden's main street?

I have lived here all my 70-plus years and have always been proud of my hometown – not so much now.

If such a business is needed, do not put it in the middle of a busy downtown area. My grand-

parents help settle this area in the late 1800s and would be totally disgusted with the way things are going.

I know I'm old and old-fashioned, but feel there's a place for everything.

Is there anyone out there who agrees with me?

**Janice Carr**  
Minden Hills

# Call for total fireworks ban

### To the Editor,

As a resident of Minden Hills and Horseshoe Lake, I am emailing you about the use of personal fireworks. You may remember a petition that was sent, a couple of years ago, calling for a complete ban of personal fireworks.

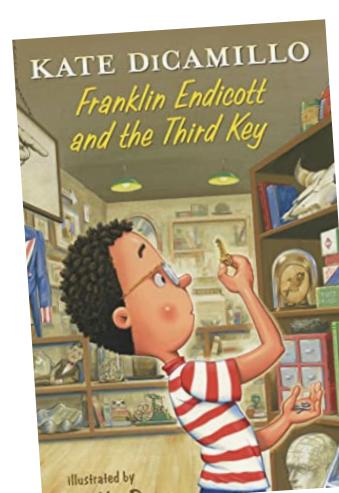
At the rate at which our climate is changing for the worse, I feel that it is beyond time to enact a complete ban. As we watch the extreme weather in the west coast of Canada from Minden, which has experienced an incredibly dry spring with low water levels, it is irresponsible to allow the use of personal fireworks to continue before we end up in a situation like the west coast. The Township, Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA) and the Be Shore groups advocate for naturalization of our shores to protect the valued aspect of this area, the water on which we live. Allowing fireworks to be used and therefore depositing heavy metals into the water is quite contrary to what is being advocated. Aside from the pollution, there is the in-

creased risk of fires, the strain on the wildlife such as birds abandoning their young, mammals becoming disoriented and running into roads and so much more. This also strains the good people at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary who tirelessly work to keep our wildlife bountiful despite what others do. Not only does this affect the wildlife that we share these beautiful lands with, but it affects those that we share our homes with. The noise pollution from fireworks can be triggering to those that served our country suffering from PTSD and also triggering to our furry family members.

As a tax-paying resident of Minden Hills, the town councils of Haliburton County are urged to be a leader in the fight against climate change and enact a full ban on the use of personal fireworks. It is time that we put our words into action to protect our environment. I would be more than happy to further discuss this topic in person, via phone or email.

**Carol Jamieson Hewitt**

## Book of the Month - July



Frank Endicott does not like the unknown. He's a worrier. He worries about lions, submarines, black holes, leprosy, and armadillos. He lists his worries alphabetically in a notebook with organizational tabs, and suffers vivid nightmares that even a certain neighborhood pig can't dispatch. When he accompanies his neighbour, Eugenia Lincoln, on an errand to duplicate a key at her favorite dark and dusty thrift shop, Frank earns fresh cause for alarm. Odd Buddy Lamp, the shop's proprietor, has sent them home with the original key, its copy, and a third mysterious key in the envelope! Can Frank come to terms with this mystery without buckling under his mounting dread? Author Kate DiCamillo speaks to kids and to the kid in all of us in her Deckawoo Drive series. She looks fears and emotions squarely in the face and addresses them in ways young readers can understand, and take right into their hearts..



Have a thought, comment or opinion you'd like to share?

Send a letter to the editor to  
chad@haliburtonpress.com

# Wet bulb temperatures

**I**READ AN interesting article this week about wet bulb temperatures. According to the CBC article, a wet-bulb temperature is a theoretical measurement that combines temperature and humidity. As we all know, hot dry days are different from hot humid days. Essentially, the wet bulb temperature is a measurement at which water stops evaporating from a wet thermometer bulb. This is important to us because it's the evaporation of sweat on our skin that cools us in the heat. In this case the bulb represents our skin. If the heat of this summer, especially on the western side of the country, is an indication of what our future looks like, this measurement will be critical to our health.

Thermoregulation is the term used to describe the various processes the body uses to maintain its internal temperature. For the average person, a healthy internal temperature falls between 37°C (98°F) and 37.8°C (100°F). The body has some flexibility with temperature but the extremes (too hot or too cold) are dangerous. Thermoregulation is controlled by the hypothalamus section of the brain. In response to an internal temperature change the hypothalamus sends signals to the muscles, organs, glands and nervous system that in turn all work together to get the body's temperature to a normal range. The body has two cooling methods:

Sweating: The sweat glands release sweat. The evaporation cools the skin and that helps to lower the internal body temperature



**LAURIE SWEIG**  
Practical Fitness

Vasodilation: The body vessels under the skin dilate and this increases blood flow to the skin where it is cooler and away from the warmth of the inner body releasing heat through radiation.

So far this summer, Canada has seen temperatures in excess of 40°C. That number does not take into consideration the humidity. The humidex (humidity index) is used by meteorologists (apparently only in Canada) to describe how hot the weather feels to the average person. That doesn't seem very accurate. Given that we're now seeing hot weather extremes it makes sense that an accurate measurement, like the wet bulb temperature, is used.

For now, all we have is the temperature and the "feels like" number that is provided.

It seems to me that when checking the weather it's important to pay attention to both the temperature and the percentage of humidity (I have to swipe left in the app that I use to find that). Become your own weather specialist. Watch for the combination of high numbers for both. Hot and humid means your body won't be able to cool itself. Extreme heat is not our friend.

Something to think about.

*Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at laurie@thepointforfitness.com.*

## Thank You CBO's and Inspectors

In the local construction industry, we are experiencing volumes of work that we have not seen before in Haliburton County.

With the overwhelming workloads, shortage of materials and the complexity of some projects the stress levels are through the roof for most construction business owners and their staff. At times it seems impossible to meet deadlines and commitments.

But none of this work can be done without the hard work of the building departments in our four municipalities. We know the pressures that the staff and particularly the Chief Building Officials (CBO) and inspectors are working under trying to get permits out for both buildings and septic systems as well as doing site inspections while being overworked and in some areas understaffed.

We, as an industry, appreciate the dedication and professionalism that each and everyone of you bring to your position.

For all your hard work keeping the largest year-round employer working, we want to Thank You. We notice and we appreciate it.

Haliburton County Home Builders Association.



# Hello, Haliburton County

My name is Grace and this week is my first week working with the *Times*. I'll be here throughout the summer, and I could not be more excited. Despite that excitement, I'm also quite nervous given that this is my first job in the industry. These nerves have made it nearly impossible for me to write this introductory piece. So much so, that I've managed to hold down the delete button more than I ever have before.

The saying "you never get a second chance to make a first impression," is abundantly accurate, which adds a little more pressure to make sure that all goes well.

Working with the *Times* is an opportunity that came about quickly and unexpectedly. I had been looking for a summer job for some time but had no luck. From the beginning of my search, my parents suggested I look for something that allows me to gain experience in my career path of journalism. After many weeks, I came across a job listing for the *Haliburton Echo/Minden Times*, and it seemed to be a perfect match. Writing is my passion, and people bring me joy. To have the opportunity to integrate the two is something that I'm really excited about. There is something special about listening to people's stories and writing for a community.

Before I can begin my adventure of writing and sharing your stories, it is only right that I share a little bit of mine.

I was born in Toronto, and raised in Richmond Hill. I come from a loving, supportive, and hardworking family. My father, mother, and two younger brothers are the most hardworking people I know, and are therefore my biggest inspirations in life.

I currently attend Carleton University, in Ottawa, where I am studying, in my opinion, the most compelling profession one can pursue. I'll be starting my second year this coming September.

Although I've enjoyed my studies thus far, the pandemic has really altered my lifestyle. Prior to COVID-19, I surrounded myself with people all the time. Since then, it became more difficult for me to do so, especially while away at school. I found that I spent more time alone than I ever had before. Despite the fact that my social life was at an all-time low, I managed to keep up with my academics and to still make the most of what I had going for me. Now that life is slowly returning back to normal, I'm excited to take on this job and to meet new people.



**Summer reporter Grace Oborne is the latest addition to the *Haliburton County Echo* and the *Minden Times*. Oborne is studying journalism at Carleton University. Welcome her to the community. /DARREN LUM Staff**

I've actually spent a lot of my time in Haliburton over the past few years as my boyfriend and his family have a cottage in the community. They have so kindly welcomed me into their home and community with open arms and because of that, I am able to work in-person. Working in-person at the *Times* is important because it will allow me to gain more journalistic experience.

The *Times* and *Echo* have a well-deserved reputation for excellence which they continue to uphold and are well known and respected nationwide. I truly enjoy my time spent in Haliburton and the surrounding community. For all these reasons, I am beyond excited and feel honored to work alongside a talented team of journalists.

I'm eager to meet and talk with as many of you as possible over the course of the summer, while keeping at a safe social distance, of course. If you wish to reach out for any reason, whether you have a news recommendation, or would like to simply have a conversation about Haliburton and its good old days or its present, please feel free to reach out anytime at grace@haliburtonpress.com. Being able to listen to what you all have to say is something I look forward to doing.

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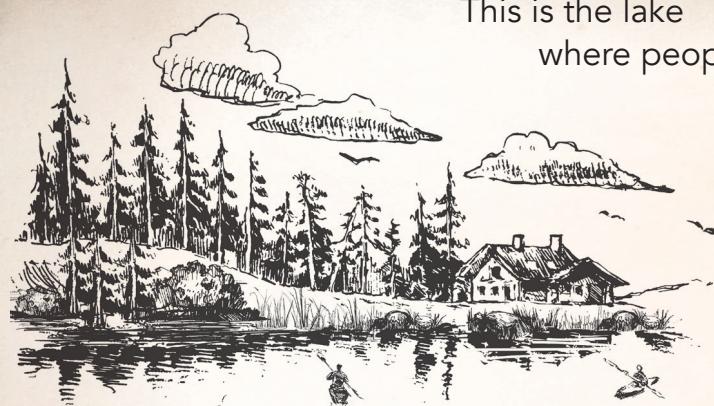
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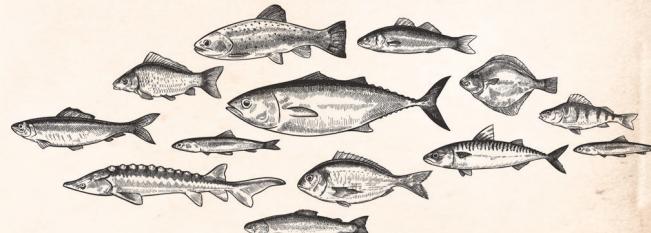




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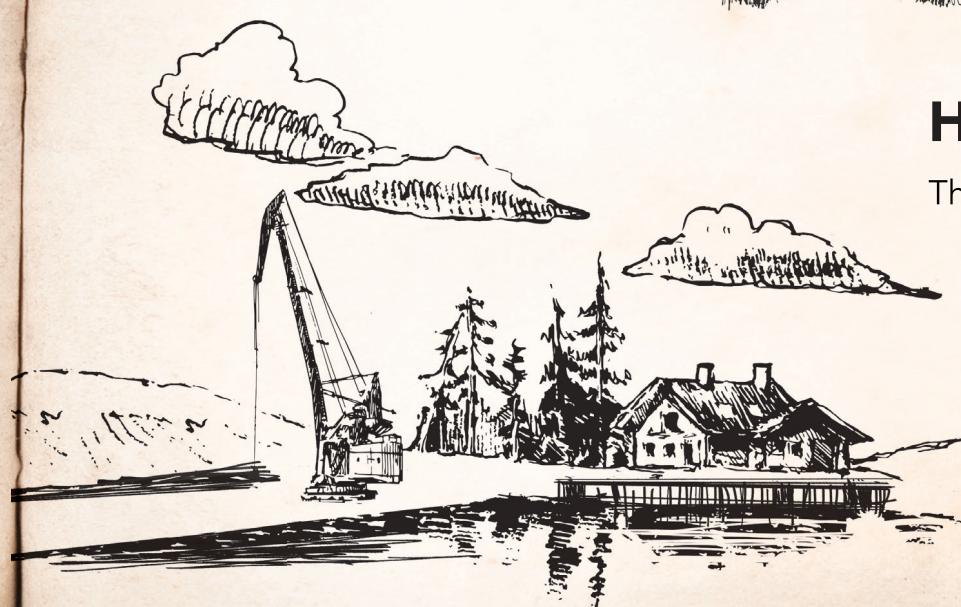
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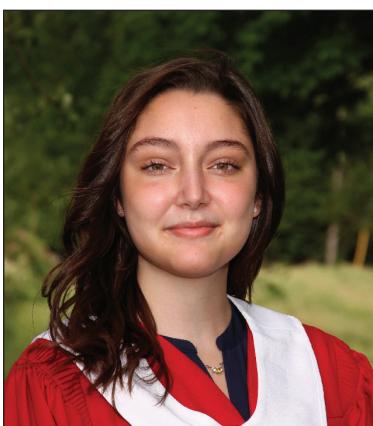
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# Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Graduates



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## Principal's Address

Parents, friends, distinguished guests, colleagues, and most importantly, graduates. It is my pleasure to be able to provide a few remarks.

J'ai l'honneur et le privilège de partager mon message avec les diplômés, la faculté et la communauté.

Graduates – before I leave you with some reflections and a challenge, first I must thank and recognize a number of people.

As Mr. Brohman, Mr. Williams and Ms. Stephens have so eloquently stated earlier, this is an evening to remember. But before I continue, let us thank those who have spent so many hours preparing this evening's ceremony: to the members of our grad planning committee, office staff, the many teaching staff, support staff, members of our scholarship committee, and our custodians. Without you, this celebration would not be possible. Well done.

Graduates, you will walk across the stage and accept one of the most important documents you may ever receive: your high school diploma. After 4 or 5 years of high school, we celebrate your achievements and are witness to you being honoured.

I know that I speak on behalf of this entire school community when I say that I am very proud of this graduating class. Today is a moment for you to remember forever, with your friends, families and loved ones all likely watching with pride, sharing this moment with you and celebrating the close of a chapter of over 13 years of school and the start of new opportunities, challenges and adventures. Sadly, there are others who are not with us this evening to share in this moment, including Mr. Derek Little, who will be so sorely missed by many.

Graduates, you will soon become Red Hawk Alumni! Remember to model our credo of respect, commitment and responsibility each and every day. We are counting on you and you represent our proud future.

The people of Haliburton County, and its generous donors, have yet again impressed me with the kindness and goodwill in its support for our grad-

uates, despite experiencing the harsh economic circumstances of the last two years. Even in these unprecedented times, all sectors of Haliburton County have given generously to recognize our graduates and to assist them in pursuing their post-secondary dreams and other future pursuits. On behalf of the graduates, staff and parents, I wish to thank every organization, business and individual who have contributed funds to our successful students. These generous actions exemplify the spirit of rewarding, recognizing and honouring success, grit, perseverance and determination.

A few members of our Hal High staff have either left the nest this year already or will be in a few days. We would like to recognize Mrs. Duchene and Mrs. Paton who have retired mid-year and thank them for all they have done for this school and the community. Your hard work has had a positive impact on so many in this graduating class. To Mr Dulong: after the many tire balancings, oil changes, and programming tasks in your computer courses, may you enjoy every moment of a well-deserved retirement!

Alright, alright, graduates, these next few minutes are meant for you.

I know that your parents, families, friends or loved ones have all played integral roles in supporting you over the years. Be sure to thank these key people this evening for without them, some obstacles would have seemed impossible to overcome.

Graduates, I want you to think about your high school journey over the last four years. How you entered Grade 9 and how you are leaving us today. I want you to reflect on the challenges you've faced, whether it be with friendships, relationships, loss, shortened sports seasons, a pandemic. I want you to reflect on how you've grown in many ways through these experiences. Learning about social injustices, and the looming importance of justice equity, inclusion and diversity. Yet, I ask you to also reflect on what you have gained through these experiences—an appreciation of freedom and democracy, where we live and work, connecting with others IN

PERSON and not google meet, and so much more. Be grateful for human connection, for those who mean so much to you.

Let us not dwell on the lockdowns and restrictions. Nor on what we have lost or endured. We can be mindful of these items. But to dwell on them will undermine the tomorrow. The tomorrow which speak of boundless opportunity, dreams, and freedom to explore. To figure it out. That time is your friend. That you have the world in the palm of your hands.

This graduating class exemplifies a strong will, determination, empathy and voice. As I said earlier, you are our future. It will be up to you to make your voices heard. We will need to lean on you to bring us hope, happiness and a better tomorrow. As Simon Sinek, author and inspirational speaker once said, we must be certain of where we are going and to keep an open mind as to how we will get there. There will be many on-ramps and off-ramps on the highway to success. And it's OK. You'll figure it out.

I mentioned that I would have a few reflections for you to think about, and a challenge. The challenge I give you today is to not look at the next 30 days or 30 months. Envision yourself 30 years from now. Write yourself a note with what you want for yourself. What you aspire to be. What you wish to accomplish. But the challenge is not about materialistic things. It is about determining what will bring you happiness.

Now, graduates, we look upon you proudly, the newest class of HHSS alumni. We wish you productive, happy futures. Celebrate your accomplishments. In the world of Instagram, and something called TikTok, so-called life hacks, leave your mark in the world. Do good, be strong, be a difference maker. Respect, commitment and responsibility. We need you more than ever.

Graduates, go safely, walk proudly because you have earned the privilege of joining the ranks of graduates of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

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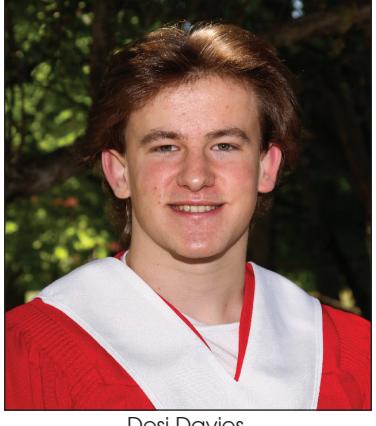
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Brandon Farrow

Thank you very much! Before I begin, I just wanted to say WE MADE IT CLASS OF 2021!

Hello everyone, greetings! It is an honour to stand before you as the valedictorian of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Class of 2021. This is a huge privilege for me to be selected by my fellow graduates as this year's valedictorian, this is an accomplishment I will never forget. While this was most definitely not the graduation format that we had hoped for coming into this new school year, I would nevertheless like to thank the graduation steering committee, for their extraordinary efforts in putting this momentous event together for us.

While you aren't here with me to celebrate in person, we still have to appreciate the importance of this great accomplishment, and I wanted to extend my congratulations to each and every single one of you for making it this far, as I'm sure we all thought we would never make it out of the public school system! This feeling of relief is similar to how I felt when I learned that Mr. Collins was a fan of cards against humanity, and didn't mind that we played in his English class!

Speaking of teachers and staff, I wanted to extend a sincere thank you to them, for always having our backs and genu-

inely wanting us to succeed and make it through high school confidently. We are grateful to them for running the sports and extracurriculars that were the foundation for so many good memories and friendships, for all of the witty comments, the dad jokes, the hilarious outfits and competitions we got to witness on holidays. Most importantly thank you for tolerating us as we turned from wee youths, to the young adults that we are today.

And where would we be without our parents, our backbones, the ones who support us the most, nurture us, care for us, and help us grow into who we are meant to be, and who we are today? We all thank you, love you beyond the words in this speech could ever express. THANK YOU MA AND POPS! Fellow graduates, due to the nature of this virtual graduation, you get to have your parents alongside you during this ceremony, so I implore you to take this second, thank them!

Despite all our love for our parents, in our rush to move on to bigger and better things, it is easy to forget to notice and appreciate the stage we are in, and to acknowledge how much we will miss our parents, and their constant love and support. Now is truly a moment of reflection for all of us, a time to appreciate everything they do and have done, and always

be humble, as I'm sure many of us will find out as we take our leave soon, it won't be the same.

I would also like to take this chance to thank our custodial and maintenance staff, administrative staff, guidance staff, cafeteria staff, and bus drivers for their involvement in making our years at HHSS great - we thank you.

When we first started high school, it seemed like such a huge, alien place, not knowing any teachers, many other students, and getting lost in the maze that is HHSS. We all eventually took a turn in the labyrinth which led us to Mr. Klose's Grade 9 science class, where we all inevitably became lab rats to the "static charge" demo that really energized our first year, and sure grounded me! I think looking back, Grade 9 seems like it was just a few months ago, and though we were told high school was going to be this big change, I think that we all blended in beautifully, and really did make it ours for four years. We were also told that time was going to fly by, and I never bought that going into high school, but it was really true. It really did come to an end so fast, kind of like many of the HHSS volleyball games our talented team played. All jokes aside, high school sports and extracurriculars were important to build



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connections and to have fun all throughout high school. Whether it was playing a home game and having the excitement of your school supporting you, or leaving and visiting another school, to hopefully win on strange turf, it was all exciting.

Although I'm no Brad Pitt, I'm sure that the experiences on stage for extracurriculars were similarly rewarding. Most importantly we had the experiences alongside great peers, coaches, and mentors. The excursions out of the school were all ones that we looked forward to, time away from the stresses of our studies, to just play hard, and let's be real, eat hard afterwards at McDonald's.

As we all progressed through high school, I don't know about the rest of you, but I started to miss our junior years more and more. When we got to Grade 9, all we wanted to do was get older and be in our upper years, you know, where it really counts, but we really should have appreciated those earlier days, before all the added pressure of walking outside and not knowing which one of the dozens of people you knew was going to beg for rides to Tim Hortons. It wasn't as if the caramel ice cap with almond milk was going to change our lives, but I'd be lying if I said I never took the plunge.

Graduates, I would also be lying if I said

that I had been really close with every single one of you through all of our high school years.

There are just too many moving parts in our lives to make that work, kind of like trying to get the perfect basketball out of the bin every time for intramurals. Despite that, however, I do get a sense of community whenever I see one of you. While this ceremony is to remember and celebrate our high school careers, I know that this is really also about launching us off into the next part of our lives. We are going down very different paths. Whether you are going on to post-secondary studies, doing an apprenticeship, or going straight to the workforce, we will all be parting ways to some degree after this graduation, and that is sad to think about. But going through four years of high school together cannot be discounted that simply, because all of the experiences that we have had together are truly binding. And if any of us are going through highs, lows, or just need some advice, or to reminisce, we have an entire community to reach out to, who knows and cares about us. Even though we will all be spreading out far and wide, we all have to remember where we came from, so that we will appreciate the things we will have and achieve in the future.

Beeru Singh said, "No matter how high

up you get, never forget where you came from," and I cannot agree with the words more. In modern society, where happiness is often portrayed as being largely achievable through materialistic means, it is especially important that no matter how successful we may become, or how much money we have, or where we live, we need to remember where we came from. It will keep us in check, keep us human, and keep us humble. I know that we all worked very hard to get here today, particularly so over the course of the pandemic, and regardless of our future aspirations let's not lose sight of who we are, and stay the course. Once a hawk, always a hawk, remember that. WE WILL SOAR!

On that note, I would like to thank today's sponsors, who include wikipedia, sparknotes, and photomath for making all of this possible.

All jokes aside, it is my honour to now send off the graduating class to the real world, and to congratulate each of the graduates once again on this amazing achievement. Be proud of yourselves. May the odds be ever in your favour.

Bence Suranyi, Valedictorian



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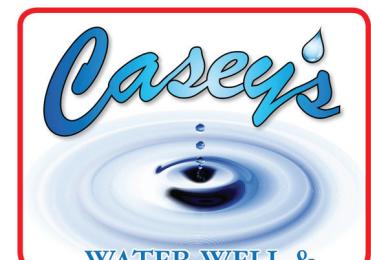
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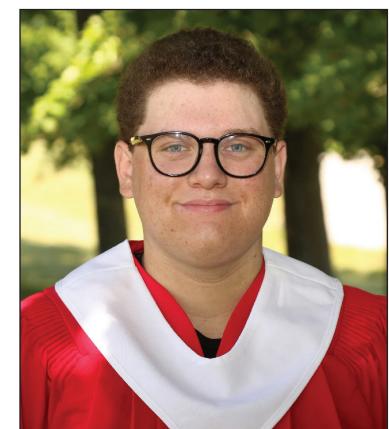
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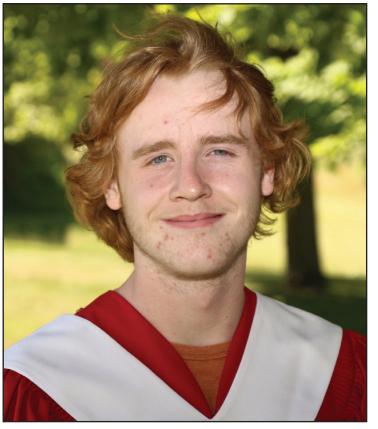
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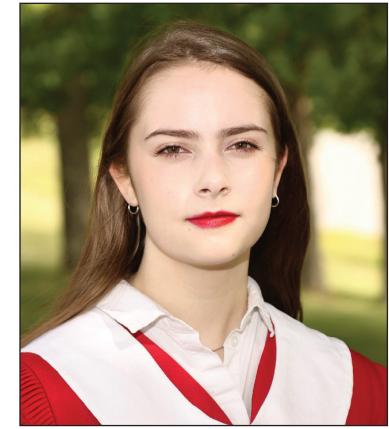
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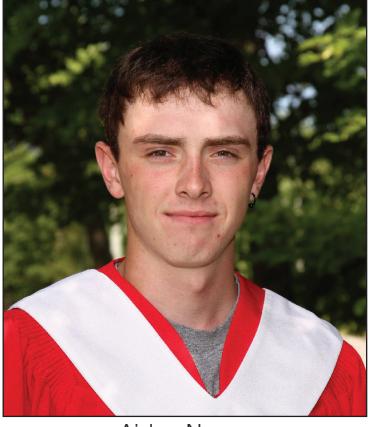
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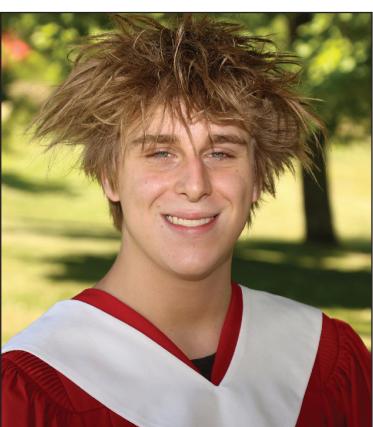
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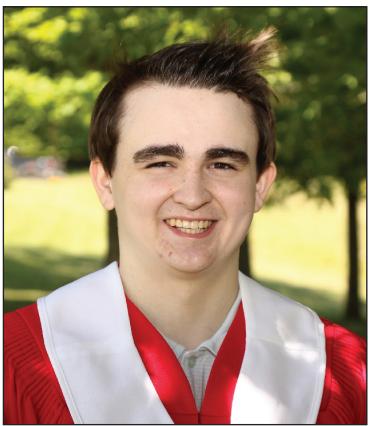
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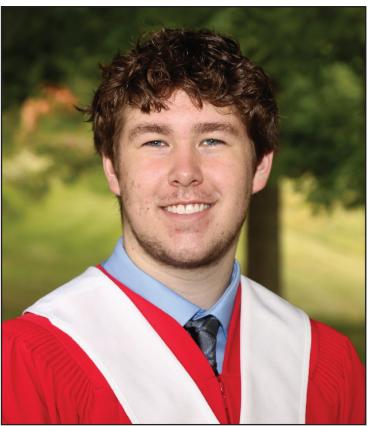
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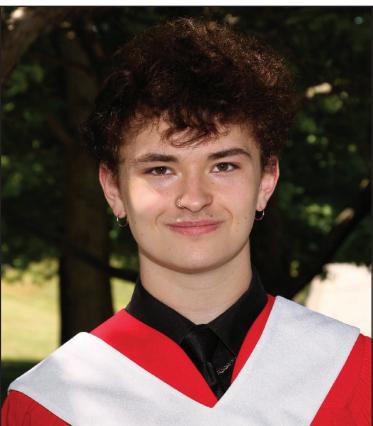
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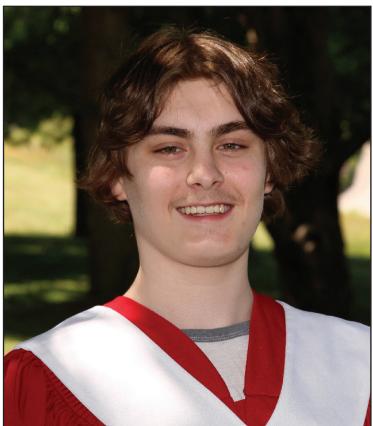
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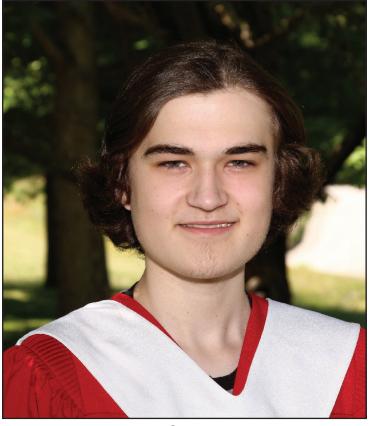
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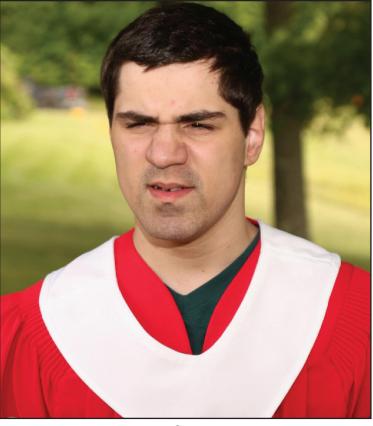
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Alan Wheeler



Ethan Wildman



Tyler Wilson



Owen Wootton

Absent for photos:

Jared Burke  
Stella Buwalda  
Christian Casella  
Tyson Clements  
Josh Davis  
Joshua Hogg  
Hayden Hullah  
Sam Johnston  
Ashton Lebel  
Mitchel Linkie  
Alex Little  
Vikram Marathe  
Alex Vargas

I extend my congratulations to all 2021 graduates for reaching today's milestone.

It was definitely uncharted water for you, your teachers and your parents, however you earned your diploma - it's YOURS and no one can take it away --feel proud.

Thank you to all the parents I know. Each graduate has a special story to tell about how important your support has been in getting them to this time of graduation. Thanks to all the teachers, support staff and the leadership of school administration for providing you with the academic tools and guidance to ensure your success.

Graduates, I want you to remember that perseverance, resilience, tenacity and always a glimmer of hope got you through the last 12 to 16 months. Now is the time to "Play It Forward," and use what you learned to the best of your advantage. There are many red lights in our lives, the pandemic being the biggest in our lifetime. How we handle red lights when everything stops is a true test of our character. I learned from a great coach, Lou

Holtz at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend Indiana: "It's not the load you are carrying that breaks you down, it's your attitude on how you carry it." Graduates, it is now a green light - step on the gas and "Play it Forward."

Graduates, stay positive find joy and never give up on hope. I ask you to dream more than others think is practical, to expect more than others think is possible, to work harder than the person next to you and believe there is no "extra in the extra mile."

I remind all of you to give thanks to those who gave you their unconditional love everyday. Make sure gratitude becomes a habit you practice for a lifetime -- it will keep you grounded because we all have so much to be grateful for.

Graduates, life is precious, live it to the fullest. Be generous, be caring, speak kindly.

I wish you happiness in your new journey - it's time to "Play it Forward."

*Trustee Gary Brohman*

## HHSS Honours and Awards 2021

### Award Recipients

Lily Austin-Ward, Haley Boylan, Ethan Coles, Brendan Coumbs, Talon Dakin, Desi Davies, Jacob Dobson, Jaylin Frost, Josie Graham, Justin Hagopian, Rory Hawley, Logan Heaven, Samuel Hoenow, Rianne Horsley, Emma James, Rachel Joanis, Brian Kim, Megan Klose, April Kovacs, Jessica Lee, Mitchel Linkie, Alex Little, Sydney Little, Danaya MacDuff, Tyler McGovern, Daniella Meraw, Alexius Mills, Emma Mitchell, Mikayla O'Neill, Brandon Pettipas-Elkins, Cole Prentice, Dakota Sawyer, Brooklyn Spence, Anthony Stead-Miller, Bence Suranyi, Owen Wootton

### School Letters

Haley Boylan, Desi Davies, Jacob Dobson, Logan Heaven, Megan Klose, Camden Marra, Daniella Meraw, Carson Phillips

### Governor General's Academic Medal

Daniella Meraw

### Lieutenant Governor's Award For Community Service

Megan Klose

### Environment

Zac Billings, Talon Dakin, Brandon Farrow, Devyn Garbutt, Quinten Little, Danaya MacDuff, Tyler McGovern, Timothy Mischio, Brandon Pettipas-Elkins, Alan Wheeler, Tyler Wilson

### Specialist High Skills Major, Hospitality and Tourism

Rylee Campbell, Sydney Little, Mikayla O'Neill, Alex Vargas

### Extended French Certificate

Lily Austin-Ward, Zayden Crete, Jacob Dobson, Holden Dupret Smith, Andy Hawthorne, Logan Heaven, Emma James, Megan Klose, Camden Marra, Daniella Meraw, Emma Mitchell, Jordyn Nicholls Holly Parish, Carson Phillips, Timothy Turner, Abbey Villamere

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Awarded to students who have pursued a concentrated study in technology by completing a minimum of five (5) credits in Technology Education.

Hunter Arnott, Tyson Baumhour, Aaron Bellefleur, Zac Billings, Justin Boermans, Jared Burke, Stella Buwalda, Rylee Campbell, Reese Casey, Tyson Clements, Jayme Coltman, Brendan Coumbs, Talon Dakin, Josh Davis, Zachary Davis, Jacob Dobson, Justice Donaldson, Xavier Dulong, Brandon Farrow, Chelsea Flynn, Devyn Garbutt, Josie Graham, Joey Griffin, Owen Harrison, Logan Hellstrom, Hayden Hullah, Mitchel Linkie, Sydney Little, Cody Martin, Aidan McAlister, Tyler McGovern, Nathan Mischio, Aiden Neave, Francis Orr, Brandon Pettipas-Elkins, Makenna Robbins, Stefan Salaris,

Eli Samson, Jake Sisson, Ethan Somerville, Gage Tofflemire, Alan Wheeler, Tyler Wilson, Owen Wootton

### Honour Society

Hailey Alden, Lily Austin-Ward, Haley Boylan, Lexie Bridgman, Erin Chumbley, Jayme Coltman, Anabelle Craig, Colin Crowe, Talon Dakin, Desi Davies, Jacob Dobson, Holden Dupret Smith, Chelsea Flynn, Josie Graham, Logan Heaven, Samuel Hoenow, Rianne Horsley, Natalie Hunter, Emma James, Brian Kim, Megan Klose, April Kovacs, Jessica Lee, Alex Little, Sydney Little, Danaya MacDuff, Vikram Marathe, Camden Marra, Ryan Mee, Daniella Meraw, Alexius Mills, Emma Mitchell, Jasmine Moghini, Jordyn Nicholls, Holly Parish, Carson Phillips, Kayleigh Rodgers, Bence Suranyi, Owen Wootton

To be eligible for Honour Roll you must have an average of 80% or higher in your top six senior courses taken in your graduating year (they do not all have to be grade 12 courses). If you have achieved Honours in all four years at HHSS, you become a member of the Honour Society. To be eligible for Ontario Scholar you must have an average of 80% or higher in your top six grade 12 courses, no matter what year they are taken in.

### Valedictorian

Bence Suranyi

### Awards And Scholarships

Arts And Social Justice Award  
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Recipient: April Kovacs

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**Community Living Trent Highlands Award**  
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**Dawson Hamilton Memorial Award**  
**Donor:** Matthew Duchene  
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**Edge Imaging Highlander Yearbook Scholarship**  
**Donor:** Edge Imaging  
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**Environmental Leadership Award**  
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**Eric Nystedt Memorial Award (Female)**  
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**Ethel L. Curry award**  
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**Gloria Lemieux Award**  
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**Haliburton County Food For Kids Award**  
**Donor:** Haliburton County Food for Kids  
**Recipient:** Megan Klose

**Haliburton Legion Award For Communications Technology (Yearbook)**  
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**Recipient:** April Kovacs

**Haliburton Legion Scholarship**  
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**Recipient:** Bence Suranyi

**HHSS Science Department Award For Science**  
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**John Burton Memorial Award**  
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**Recipient:** Alexius Mills

**John Heffer Memorial Award**  
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**Recipient:** Rory Hawley

**Joyce Williams Memorial Award For English**  
**Donor:** HHSS Students' Council  
**Recipient:** Bence Suranyi

**Laurie Bacon And Valerie Cowan Memorial Award**  
**Donor:** HHSS



The 2020-2021 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's valedictorian is Bence Suranyi, who was strong academically and competed with the badminton and boys' volleyball teams. The Grade 12 graduating student is looking forward to post-secondary school and is expected to study computer engineering at the University of Toronto. /DARREN LUM Staff

**Girls' Athletic Association**  
**Recipient:** Brooklyn Spence

**Martha Steen Memorial Award**  
**Donor:** Maude Steen  
**Recipient:** Dakota Sawyer

**Mary Medley Memorial Award (Female)**  
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**Recipient:** Emma James

**Mary Medley Memorial Award (Male)**  
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**Recipient:** Logan Heaven

**Mathematics of Data Management Award**  
**Donor:** Bob Schmidt  
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**Minden Legion Scholarship for Science**  
**Donor:** Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636  
**Recipient:** Samuel Hoenow

**Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program**  
**Donor:** Trillium Lakelands District School Board  
**Recipient:** Josie Graham

**Penny Obee Memorial Award**  
**Donor:** Bill Obee  
**Recipient:** Talon Dakin

**Potter-Wilson Memorial Award**  
**Donor:** The Family and Friends of Eric Potter  
**Recipient:** Daniella Meraw

**Rosie Kenney Award**  
**Donor:** Mrs. Rosie Kenney  
**Recipient:** Jacob Dobson

**Rosseter Award**  
**Donor:** Louise Cooper  
**Recipient:** Daniella Meraw

**Rotary Club Of Haliburton 50th Anniversary Award**  
**Donor:** Rotary Club of Haliburton  
**Recipient:** Mitchel Linkie

**Rotary Club of Haliburton Mathematics Scholarships**  
**Donor:** Rotary Club Of Haliburton  
**Recipients:** Samuel Hoenow & Daniella Meraw

**Rotary Club Of Minden Award**  
**Donor:** Rotary Club of Minden  
**Recipient:** Brian Kim

**Sarah Bloomfield Memorial Award**  
**Donor:** Elizabeth Bloomfield  
**Recipient:** Jaylin Frost

# HHSS Honours and Awards 2021

## Specialist High Skills Major Award

**Donor:** Trillium Lakelands District School Board  
**Recipient:** Sydney Little

## St. Anthony's Of Padua Haliburton Knights of Columbus Good Samaritan Award

**Donor:** The Knights of Columbus  
**Recipient:** Bence Suranyi

## St. Paul's A.C.W. Practical Academic Life Skills Program Award

**Donor:** A.C.W. of St. Paul's Church, Minden  
**Recipient:** Anthony Stead-Miller

## St. Paul's A.c.w. Workplace Studies Award

**Donor:** A.C.W. of St. Paul's Church, Minden  
**Recipient:** Brandon Pettipas-Elkins

## Stuart W. Baker Memorial Award

**Donor:** Stephanie Metzger  
**Recipient:** Megan Klose

## Tashlin/Williams Award For Perserverance and Dedication to Athletics

**Donor:** Lindsay Tashlin, Lesley Tashlin and Taly Williams  
**Recipient:** Jacob Dobson

## Varsity Scholastic Excellence Award

**Donor:** Ron Clark  
**Recipient:** Alex Little

## Year 3 English Scholarship

**Donor:** Ann Varty  
**Recipient:** Ryanne Horsley

## Year 4 Baking Course Award

**Donor:** HHSS Hospitality & Tourism Program  
**Recipient:** Sydney Little

## Year 4 Drama Award

**Donor:** HHSS Drama Club  
**Recipient:** Dakota Sawyer

## Year 4 English Award

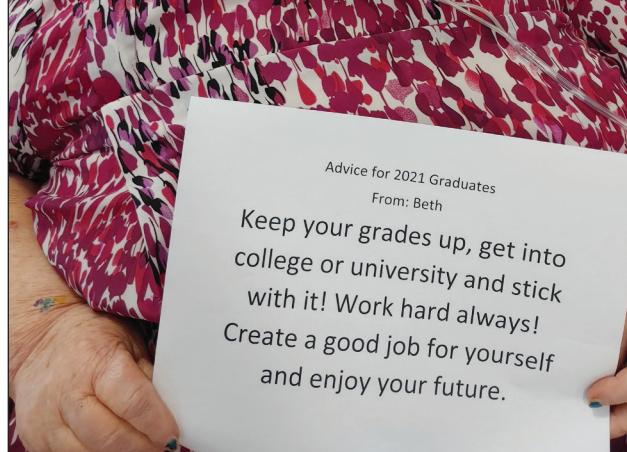
**Donor:** Mrs. Chris Duchene  
**Recipient:** Ryanne Horsley

## Year 4 Hospitality and Tourism Award

**Donor:** HHSS Hospitality & Tourism Program  
**Recipient:** Sydney Little

## Words of wisdom and advice for the graduates

Residents at Extendicare, Highland Wood and Hyland Crest share their words of wisdom and advice with the graduating class of 2021.



# AAEC Graduates and Awards 2021



Amber Goodrich



Autumn Duff



Destiny Thomsen



Dylan Main



Emily Davis



Haydee Billings



Holly Young



Nicholas Klochhoff



Stacey Robertson



Dakota Davidson

## Principal's Message

I am so sorry that I cannot be presenting this message to you in person. The past year has not given us much time to get to know each other in person, however that does not decrease the amount of pride that I have in your accomplishments. High School graduation is such an amazing time in your life. You have overcome so many challenges, with the pandemic adding so many more missed opportunities.

I was a physics teacher before I became an administrator and I am a huge fan of the show Big Bang Theory. In one of the episodes, Leonard, the main character, is invited back to his high school to give the commencement address. Unfortunately, due to weather, Leonard delivers his speech virtually through Skype. He quotes the author of the Wizard of Oz by saying "No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge" then real-

izes how boring his speech is and instead reflects on his high school experience and how his life has become interesting.

I'm telling you this not because I can relate to Leonard in that my address is not in person or maybe a little boring, but because I want you to remember that over the past year you may have been robbed of many things, like social gatherings, haircuts, eating in a restaurant and even a proper high school graduation, but no one can rob you of the knowledge you have gained from walking through the doors of our school. Whether you are heading into the workplace or heading off to post-secondary school, you have the skills and awareness to do great things. Be like Leonard and make your life interesting and know that the AAEC staff and I are so very proud of your accomplishments.

Congratulations and best of luck in the future!

Lisa Uuldricks

## Awards:

- Haydee Billings**  
Joshua Rewa Award of Distinction  
**Emily Davis**  
OSSTF Academic Award  
**Autumn Duff**  
OSSTF Academic Award  
Principal's Award

- Joshua Rewa Memorial Post-Secondary Bursary Nominee**

- Nicholas Klochhoff**  
Post Secondary/Apprenticeship Award  
**Joshua Rewa Memorial Post-Secondary Bursary Nominee**

- Destiny Thomsen**  
CUPE Achievement Award

## No photo available:

Marshall Eady  
Jaime Moore

## Staff message

It is with heartfelt tears, smiles and good wishes that we send our graduates on their way to their futures. So deserving of what you have earned, experienced and lived through this past year. In thinking of our graduation traditions, including the selection of Valedictorian, we sat amazed at our choices. What leadership, tenacity, dedication and perseverance you have all shown! There wasn't one graduating student that we could omit from our list. So we chose you all. Every one of our graduating students has been through their last couple of years of high school at a time like no other. Lockdowns, isolation, layoffs, illness and loss dominated our county and our country. Much of this year we met from afar, commiserating together and learning together. We thank you for staying in touch, always having a smile for us, showing us your dedication and giving us the gift

of your gratitude.

In the end it was your character, your priorities and your focus that put you where you are today, and on the road to your future. We have no doubt that you will conquer any goal, any career, any future you put your mind to as you have already shown all of us that you can. Family, friends and your classmates are in awe of what you have accomplished during the most difficult of times in recent history in our country. Look in front of you and you will see the best coming towards you; look behind you and you will see all of us supporting you and wishing you well; look beside you and you will see your fellow graduates that will be there with you as you conquer your dreams.

Congratulations to all the Graduates of 2021! We are so very proud of you and the best is yet to come.

Lori, Kathy, Greg, and Ivy

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# Helping turtles is a ‘responsibility’

by DARREN LUM  
Times Staff

You only need to have a heart to help.

With Haliburton County being among the last strongholds for turtles in this province, there is responsibility to everyone in the Highlands to preserve the turtle population today and for generations of tomorrow. The importance can't be overstated for Turtle Guardians representative Leora Berman, who is passionate about helping all animals, particularly turtles.

“It is a responsibility to look after the species because this is the last footing in Ontario,” she said, referring to the Land Between – a bioregion that extends from the Georgian Bay Coast to the Ottawa Valley. “Also, the turtle is the foundation of our fish and wildlife. It is a foundational species. It is called a keystone species. It is a foundation of fish and wildlife and of different ecosystem services like water filtration and water supply, meaning if the turtle, which is holding up all these little food chains, if the turtle is at risk and its population is disappearing that means the rest of the fish and wildlife that depend on the turtle [for] their survival is very tenuous. So, if you work to save the turtle, you’ll also be saving lake trout, bass, moose, beavers, muskrats. If the turtle disappears, all those species suffer.”

She said this understanding is important for people, who have killed turtles purposely because they were taught that turtles are useless and pests. Berman points out the government used to have turtle culls.

“The Ministry of Natural Resources years ago used to have a turtle cull, so it was the ministry telling all the anglers and hunters this message and the government made a mistake,” she said, referring to the 1930s and 1940s.

The snapping turtle was included as a species of ‘Special Concern’ under Ontario’s Endangered Species Act in 2008, but up until 2017 they could be hunted legally. The snapping turtle requires upwards of 20 years to reach sexual maturity. Haliburton has a snapping turtle celebrity with Grace, the 125 year-old wonder.

Berman said her passion to help turtles started from divine intervention one day while returning home from work.

“When I was 16 coming back from waitressing in Dundas and Hamilton area there was an enormous snapping turtle in front of me, so I [stopped my car and] put on my flashers. A cop came up behind me – it must have been three in the morning [to see] what I was doing so I pointed at the turtle and he said, ‘oh.’ And then the next week the first turtle crossing sign in Hamilton/Dundas area went up, so that’s when I started,” she said.

Right now, turtles are just at the end of

their nesting season, which is from June to the start of July. Many of the turtles typically seen crossing roads are females for the most part – at least 60 per cent. The balance are males going to feeding sites.

Anybody can be a turtle guardian, including children, who only need a parent or guardian’s permission, Berman said.

There are five levels of guardians you can be.

Level one guardians help to identify turtles and will receive education about turtles with turtle camp. Level two guardians help to monitor wetlands and provide turtle nest protection. Level three guardians conduct road research, turtle tunnels and conservation. Level four guardians volunteer for hours at Scales Nature Park or Turtle Guardians Headquarters while level five guardians perform triage and nest excavation, including helping conduct research and recover turtle populations.

Each level requires specific training to fulfill relevant duties with the goal of helping turtles. Training is provided by the Guardians.

In June, Berman said the greatest need was for nest sitters and road researchers, which are level two and three guardians. People can walk, cycle or drive sections of roads where turtles are known to cross, and where they often get hit, and patrol the roads and document where they are crossing.

Berman said from her work, “One of the most imperilled species in the world are turtles and the Land Between is one of the last three strongholds for turtles left in Ontario. It’s the last place where they have habitat and they are surviving. They would have been as

prolific in southern Ontario as they are here now, but all their habitat is gone and they’ve been decimated.”

Turtles are ectotherms, meaning their survival depends on a warm body temperature, which is ensured by acquiring heat from the environment, and this includes snapping turtles and Blanding turtles. The range of turtles is dependent on this and as a result there are less turtles in northern Ontario, where temperatures are cooler.

Even if you’re not a guardian, helping turtles get across the road is always needed.

If you see a turtle on the road, Berman recommends using a car mat to safely move turtles off of the road.

“I like to use a car mat and sort of roll it in half and make it into a scoop and then scoop them off,” she said, likening it to a burrito. “You can either scoop them up that way or you can pull them by the back of the carapace or top shell on to the car mat and hold the back of them and pull the car mat and the turtle to get them off the road.”

She adds it’s important to move the turtle in the direction they were headed when you found them.

“If a turtle is nesting, it will go back to the wetlands rather than across the road,” she said.

One of the most common mistakes for people looking to help turtles include lifting a turtle by its tail.

Lifting a turtle by its tail will dislocate its spine and can permanently harm a turtle, who won’t survive in the wild with those injuries.

For all the conservation efforts, there are

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Answers on page 27

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# U-Links embarks on a new environmental training program

by GRACE OBORNE  
Times Staff

The U-Links Centre for Community Based Research enjoyed a successful opening weekend of its new Woodland and Waterways EcoWatch program.

There are two components to the training program. The first took place this past weekend on Sunday, July 11, and was an online session. The online session covered some background and went into the reasons why U-Links runs their program. The second component is an in-person meeting that will occur on July 18. This gathering will “provide practical, hands-on experience and will mimic the steps that will be taken during an actual sampling event,” as noted on the website.

“What we’re trying to achieve is the increase in ability of locals so they can assist us in the benthic biomonitoring that we do in the county. We’re also trying to give the people, who are interested, a background in what monitoring is and what benthic macroinvertebrates are,” explains program coordinator Brendan Martin.

He added, “the simplest way to describe them [benthic macroinvertebrates] is that they’re the small, spineless organisms that live at the bottom of lakes and rivers, which includes things ranging from snails, mussels, leeches, and worms.”

The program allows cottagers, locals, and post-secondary students to participate in their benthic biomonitoring program.

Woodlands & Waterways EcoWatch is operated in partnership with Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College to utilize their knowledge and resource. This will help communities to “monitor the long-term health of the forests and lakes of Haliburton

County and the surrounding region.”

U-Links is piloting this program and therefore chose to look for just about anyone to join the program.

“We’re going to give priority to those who are committed to helping us with the actual sampling in the late summer and fall. But obviously, we really just want to help people understand more about their environment, so realistically anyone can join,” said Martin.

Due to COVID-19 and the program being new, U-Links is capping participants at 15. Cottagers, locals, and students submitted applications free of charge and the spaces quickly filled up.

The benthic macroinvertebrates monitoring program offers individuals a unique insight into their environment.

“The program is important because it introduces people to a method of looking at their environment that they may not have necessarily considered before. A lot of people are very familiar with water chemistry monitoring. With this, we’re hoping to involve the community a bit more with that similar process,” noted Martin.

“Teaching them right from the beginning how we collect the samples, and also giving them that insight and letting them do a little bit of the analysis themselves puts that power back into their hands, as opposed to in the laboratories, or the universities where these things are usually done.”

At the end of the training initiative, participants will receive a certificate of completion and will be able to give most of the knowledge back to the community. Participants will be added to a list of volunteers who will assist the community in their sampling efforts come the fall.

If you have any questions about the benthic biomonitoring training plan, contact program coordinator Brendan Martin at [bmartin@ulinks.ca](mailto:bmartin@ulinks.ca).

## Fines for running over turtles

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some people who want to purposely harm turtles.

“We know of people who deliberately run over turtles and that carries up to a \$25,000 fine. The MNR conservation officer and us are concerned about that. MNR conservation officers are aware and so are we,” she said.

Contact the Turtle Guardians to become a guardian or to ask questions contact The

Land Between charity – lead agency for the Turtle Guardians Program at (705) 457-1222 or email [info@turtleguardians.com](mailto:info@turtleguardians.com).

For more information about the Turtle Guardians and what they do, or how to volunteer, or donate see the website [www.turtleguardians.com](http://www.turtleguardians.com).

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### COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE THIS MEETING WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A VIRTUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

**DATE:** MONDAY, July 26, 2021

**TIME:** 10:30 AM

**LOCATION:** Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a **virtual meeting**.

#### To participate:

Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588

**Enter Meeting ID 978 8649 7779 and Passcode: 077484**

Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at:

**<https://zoom.us/j/97886497779?pwd=d29MMGpBakRsMHxMUm0xWTv1Qt09>**

Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining **YouTube** at: <https://youtu.be/Ck888WHkous>

Members of the public wishing to **participate** and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing **must pre-register** by emailing [dsisson@mindenhill.ca](mailto:dsisson@mindenhill.ca) by **Sunday June 27th before 4:00 PM** or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting **before 10:00 AM**. Participants registering after 10:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2021042** and **PLMV2021045** and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

**PLMV2021042** – Part Lot 11, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1224 McCrackens Lane; and located on Horseshoe Lake (see Key Map).



**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of an 11.15 square metre addition to an existing dwelling. The variance sought would allow for construction of the addition having a setback of 5.94 metres to the High Water Mark (HWM) setback; whereas otherwise in accordance with Section 4.8.4 (iv) an increase in size for a building or structure located within 15 metres of the HWM is not permitted. The addition as proposed would maintain the current setback of the existing dwelling.

**PLMV2021045** – Part Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1018 Pottery Drive; and located on Mountain Lake (see Key Map).



**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of a detached garage as well as an addition to an existing dwelling. The variance sought for the garage would allow for an interior side lot line setback of 0.9 metres, whereas 2 metres is otherwise required. The variance sought for the addition would allow for a setback of 9.6 metres to the High Water Mark (HWM), whereas otherwise in accordance with Section 4.8.4 (iv) an increase in size for a building or structure located within 15 metres of the HWM is not permitted. The addition as proposed would maintain the current setback of the existing dwelling.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding these applications are available online at [www.mindenhill.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhill.ca/newsroom). Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

**HAVE YOUR SAY:** Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:** To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail [adougherty@mindenhill.ca](mailto:adougherty@mindenhill.ca).

**ANY PERSON OR AGENCY WHO IS OF THE OPINION THAT HOLDING THE HEARING AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING IS LIKELY TO CAUSE THEM SIGNIFICANT PREJUDICE**, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

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*For more information about this matter contact [adougherty@mindenhill.ca](mailto:adougherty@mindenhill.ca).*

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P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON, K0M 2K0

**Please note: paper submitted to the Township is being held for three (3) days before opening.** If providing comment, please consider making an electronic submission to the e-mail address above, or, make specific reference to the Application Number on the outside of the envelope.

# More volunteers mean more sailing for youth

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"Some of these kids they don't really have any hobbies outside of their daily routine, right? A lot of them sit inside and play video games ... I think it's a really cool concept where at the end of the summer when they get to go back to school when the teacher says, 'what did you guys do for the summer?' They can say they went sailing. Like how many people get to say that they got to sail all summer, right?"

He adds the participants come away with a comprehensive understanding of sailing, including nautical terms.

The community have been an invaluable partner in this endeavor to benefit youth including local businesses such as the Red Umbrella Inn where it started, and which continues to host the association and store the 15 boat fleet.

This programming depends on its volunteers and their dedication.

"The more volunteers we have the more times and days that we can get out sailing. Let's say we had four volunteers that could come out every night of the week then we would sail every night of the week," he said.

There are eight volunteers now Carmount said. Volunteers with sailing experience are preferred.

"A lot of people that come to us have sailed in their youth and haven't done it for years. They just need a refresher. Anybody that has had any previous coaching, or teaching experience. That would be more ideal," he said. "Maybe someone that can volunteer with transportation, picking up kids, if need be."

He adds drivers don't necessarily require sailing experience, but can be trained to sail.

The association's first night is scheduled for this Thursday, July 15 and will continue until mid-September, which is based on temperature and water levels of Twelve Mile Lake close to the Red Umbrella Inn.

New this year, the participants will be working towards three different levels of sailing education: gold, silver and

bronze. Carmount said before the season he reached out to various sailing instructors for an example of what could be taught to participants. One response included the sailing syllabus offered at Camp Timberlane, which is loosely based on the levels of achievement outlined by the United Kingdom's sailing body, the Royal Yachting Association. Bronze is an introduction to sailing while silver builds on what is learned and then applies theory on the water, and then a demonstration of advanced skills are rewarded with the gold level.

Any time not spent in a boat water can still present a chance for fun with swimming and fishing, Carmount said.

Unlike last year, all of the volunteers are vaccinated this year.

He said due to the risks associated with COVID-19 there is not an effort to add new participants at this time. COVID-19 protocols such as social distancing and, if that cannot be practised, than a mask is required to be worn, Carmount said.

"We're still trying to establish ourselves and get organized," he said.

This year the association is looking to bring sailing to youth in Wilberforce instead of bringing participants to the Red Umbrella Inn. Carmount said he's looking at arranging a pickup of participants and have them driven to a lake in the Wilberforce area.

The plan is to be able to avoid the challenges that stood in

the way for participants in that area.

"It was just one of those things. We were calling and emailing and weren't getting any replies. It's a 100 kilometre round trip for them and these kids for whatever reason during the day their parents aren't available or they can't drive that far. It's a 100 kilometre round trip for them and it's probably a 200 kilometre round trip for our volunteers, so I thought we have extra boats. Let's put a boat in Wilberforce and designate it as a Wilberforce boat and we'll pick them up and take them for a sail," he said.

Carmount welcomes monetary donations, but will accept sailboats in good condition, which could be resold to benefit the association to cover expenses such as insurance. A tax receipt for the donation can be provided. Another method for funds will come from a rental at the Red Umbrella Inn. This was possible through the association's donation of a sailboat to the inn. Last summer, he said, the inn was having people ask about rentals upon seeing the fleet of boats on shore.

Carmount said the opportunity is about giving youth a memorable experience as it is about education about sailing.

"If a kid comes home knowing the back of a boat is called the stern than that's a success," he said.

For more information email [mindoverwater2019@gmail.com](mailto:mindoverwater2019@gmail.com) or call (705) 455-2876.

## Blue green algal blooms and eating fish

As Haliburton County had 11 suspected blue-green algae blooms in 2020, questions have been raised about eating the fish from lakes with suspected blooms. Out of an abundance of caution our local health unit has, for several years now, been recommending not consuming fish from a lake with a bloom.

Initially, the science indicated that the toxins associated with blue-green algal blooms could accumulate in fish organs but there was no conclusive science that the toxins would be present in the flesh of fish.

That has changed, as a few recent studies have now found toxins in fish flesh.

It is important to know that the toxins can detach themselves from the algae and move freely and widely throughout the lake, so the fish may not be safe to eat even in areas of the lake where no bloom is visible and even after the bloom is dissipated. In this article, we provide some highlights from a number of studies and links to those studies.

### Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit:

People not on public water supplies should not drink surface water during an algal bloom, even if it is treated. In-home treatments such as boiling and disinfecting water with chlorine or UV and water filtration units do not protect from

blue-green algal toxins. Note: Boiling can cause the toxins to go airborne.

Be cautious about eating fish caught in water where blue-green algae blooms occur.

Source <https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/SafeWater>

### Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

You can't tell if a bloom is harmful just by looking at it, and you can't easily see all blooms.

People or pets can get sick when they have contact with harmful algal blooms in these ways:

Swimming, kayaking, fishing, wading, or doing similar activities in contaminated water.

Breathing in tiny water droplets, mist, or wind-blown sea spray that contains toxins.

Drinking contaminated water.

Eating contaminated seafood (fish or shellfish).

Source - [www.cdc.gov/habs/be-aware-habs](https://www.cdc.gov/habs/be-aware-habs)

Another source: ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)) suggests that toxins can accumulate in fish muscle and can reach levels of concern.

*Submitted by Paul MacInnes, chair of the C.H.A..*

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## NOTICE – SPECIAL MEETING of COUNCIL

**NOTE:** As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, as well as the requirements for social distancing, Council Meetings will be conducted electronically via web conference until further notice.

**TAKE NOTICE** that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. conducted electronically via web conference.

The purpose of the Special Meeting will be for Council to discuss updates to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found in the Special Meeting Notice posted on the Township's website under the News and Notices at [www.algonquinhIGHLANDS.ca](http://www.algonquinhIGHLANDS.ca)

Dated this 14th day of July, 2021.

Dawn Newhook

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## COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NOTICE OF VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

### BACKGROUND:

The County of Haliburton has many lakes that serve important environmental, economic and social roles. The health of our lakes is important for residents and businesses.

The County of Haliburton has retained Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd (HESL) and J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd. (JLR) to provide independent professional recommendations on a new Shoreline Preservation By-law for the County. This includes a review of the scientific literature related to shoreline preservation, an environmental scan of other municipalities and consultation to gauge residents and stakeholders opinion and feedback.

### PURPOSE:

As part of the public consultation process, HESL and JLR are hosting a Virtual Open House to introduce the project and understand the issues and concerns regarding shoreline preservation in the County of Haliburton.

Due to the present COVID-19 pandemic, a traditional "Open House" cannot be hosted at the Town Hall. The "Virtual" Open House will offer the same sort of viewing and commenting experience remotely.

**DATE:** Thursday, July 29, 2021

**PLACE:** via Zoom

**TIME:** 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

### HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

1. If you wish to speak at the open house, please register by contacting Stephen Stone, Director of Planning, County of Haliburton at [sstone@haliburtoncounty.ca](mailto:sstone@haliburtoncounty.ca)
2. If you do not wish to speak at the open house, you can still view the live stream on the County of Haliburton YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/9L797DHe6Tw>
3. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you can watch a recording of the meeting on the County's YouTube Channel and submit your comments to the contacts listed below.

### For more information on the matter, please contact:

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Additional information can be found at <https://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/en/living-here/shoreline-preservation.aspx>

It is advised that this Open House will be video recorded and posted on the County's YouTube Channel. Personal information from those that make either an oral or written submission is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 56, and will become part of the public record.



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# NFTC

# New Green EDA hoping to inspire change in riding

by MIKE BAKER  
Times Staff

Almost three decades after first fielding a candidate in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding, the Green Party of Canada now has an established local Electoral District Association [EDA].

EDAs are sanctioned administrative organizations that facilitate party and community building activities at the riding level. Essentially, they assist candidates throughout the election process, and then, once elections are over, ensure their party maintains a presence in the community.

Karen Hillis and Tom Regina are the faces behind this new movement in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. The pair joined forces back in the spring in an attempt to inspire change and help the Greens gain some real foothold in the Highlands.

"We think interest in the Green Party and this platform is increasing across not only our riding, but provincially and federally as well. I think this is an organic response," Hillis said, answering a question as to why now was the right time for the party to establish an official EDA.

"For a lot of people, the environment and what's happening to the environment is very visible, very palpable," she added. "When you look at what's happening outside – it snowed on May 26 this year, when two days prior to that it had been 32 degrees [Celsius]. People are noticing these fluctuations, they can see the environmental concerns in our riding and I think they're waking up and saying 'wait a second, this is happening, we've got to do something about it'."

According to statistics provided by Elections Canada, the Green Party first ran a candidate in Haliburton-Kawartha



Lakes-Brock in the 1984 federal election, with George K. Kerr recording 339 votes, good enough for 0.7 per cent of the popular vote in the riding.

At that point, the Greens were a fringe party with a skeleton crew of volunteers.

Twenty years would pass before the local riding would see another Green candidate. By this time, in the fall of 2004, the party was more established and, with scientists starting to shine a light on the global climate crisis and citizens becoming more environmentally aware, people began taking notice.

Tim Holland secured 2,637 votes [4.7 per cent] in 2004, Andy Harjula received 3,017 votes [5 per cent] in 2006, and Michael Bell recorded 4,505 votes [8.3 per cent] in 2008. All of a sudden, this was a party showing real signs of progression.

In the most recent federal election, in 2019, Elizabeth Fraser put up the best Green performance in the riding's history, receiving 5,515 votes, good enough for 8.4 per cent of the popular vote locally.

Hillis says that most recent performance coincided with a nationwide movement that culminated with the election of three Green Party representatives – long-time now former leader Elizabeth May in the riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands

in British Columbia, Paul Manly in Nanaimo-Ladysmith in British Columbia, and Jenica Atwin in the riding of Fredericton in New Brunswick.

"That performance was hugely important and inspiring. It gives you hope that there could be a better future," Hillis said.

Since that last election, things have changed drastically for the Greens. In late 2019, May announced she would be stepping down as party leader. A leadership election was held in October 2020, where Toronto-based lawyer and activist Annamie Paul was elected to succeed May. Paul finished second in a 2020 Toronto Centre federal by-election and, to date, does not hold a seat in parliament.

On top of that, one of the party's three elected officials, Jenica Atwin, recently defected from the Greens, crossing the floor to join the Liberal caucus on June 10. She cited internal party disagreements over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as reason for her departure.

Despite this, Hillis believes the Greens have an "inspirational" leader in Paul, whose presence and ability to speak and connect with people will help push the party forward in the next election.

And, while environmental issues and concerns are chief among the Green Party's priorities, Regina says things have evolved over the years.

"There's obviously a climate crisis that is happening all around us right now, and that, first and foremost, needs to be addressed. But then you look at everything else the Greens are doing and advocating for – more affordable housing, a higher livable income, improvements to long-term care, an expansion to the National Pharmacare Plan, more of a focus

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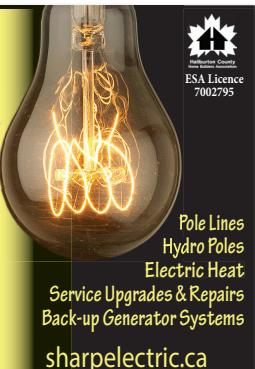
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# Greens seeking local candidate

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on post-secondary education. These are all things that are really, really important and need to happen."

He added, "The Green Party in 2021 has a much broader platform... For a long time, there's almost been this idea that those who support the Greens are a bunch of tree huggers, and there's been this idea that we're a fringe party, lumped in with the likes of the old Rhinoceros Party. But now, we have some staying power. We have some MPs. We

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have an MPP in Ontario. In Prince Edward Island, the Green Party is the official opposition."

The local association currently has just over 120 registered members. They are currently searching for candidates who would be willing to represent the Greens, both federally and provincially.

Hillis says the party is looking for someone who could serve as the face of the Greens in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for years to come.

"We're looking for candidates right now. We want to get somebody who's dedicated, who will be on the board, get involved and put their face out there for people to see... We want somebody who isn't only going to show up once and then drop the whole thing, we want to have somebody who's going to be here not just for the next election, but the one after that as well," Hillis said. "It takes time to build things up... The areas that have succeeded, and have got-

ten Green representatives elected, they've had a real strong presence for a long time."

The next federal election is slated to take place on, or before, Oct. 16, 2023.

In the meantime, Hillis and Regina have committed to supporting a provincial association for the similarly named Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding. It's still early days, but they're looking to get a candidate in place as soon as possible given that the next election is less than a year away.

Regina commented that anyone can get involved with the new EDA, whether provincially or federally.

"It doesn't matter if you've never been involved with a political party before. I am more involved in this EDA right now than I ever dreamed I would be, but the interest pulled me in and then, once you're involved, it's easy to do more," Regina said.

"Annamie Paul [recently spoke at the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock EDA annual general meeting] and she mentioned she was searching for and looking to have a diverse group of candidates. That's important to her. There are a lot of people out there who have never thought of being politically active, or taking on a leadership role in their community," he continued. "She said that most people who are in politics come from a legal or a business background, as opposed to from manufacturing jobs, or the teaching or medical profession. This is another way for us to potentially build diversity throughout the party and throughout parliament, by attracting more people from more backgrounds to get involved."

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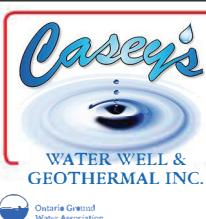
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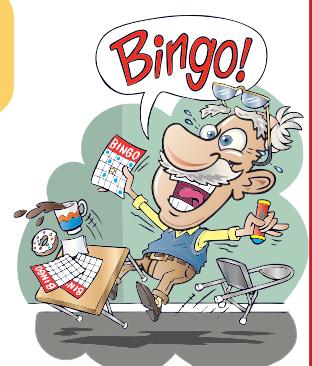


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## Tree protection by-law considered by council

Anson, Hindon and Minden council invited Peter Hynard, the management forester at the Ministry of Natural Resources office in Minden to discuss his role in the Dysart et al tree cutting bylaw and assess its applicability to this municipality.

Hynard explained at the June 9 meeting that the Tree Act, which allows municipalities to restrict tree cutting, was historically used only in Southern Ontario agricultural lands. Now, municipalities consisting of large areas of forest land are considering the bylaw and adapting it to their use.

Dysart started considering the bylaw almost two years ago because of the large scale cutting in the municipality. Their concern was accelerated by 1000 acres of land around Haliburton Lake which had been "butchered". There were also reports of trespassing on private land to remove trees which "caught everyone's attention," said Hynard.

The large numbers employed in the lumber trade were angry about a bylaw restricting their harvesting so Dysart set up an advisory committee of loggers, land owners, a cottage association representative and Hynard to

draft a bylaw for consideration.

The compromise document which resulted was accepted by the municipality. Due to a technicality, the bylaw had to be passed by the county council, with the provision Dysart bore all costs.

Prompted by Councillor Dave Stevens, Hynard explained the three main purposes behind the bylaw. He said the major objective behind the legislation is to protect young trees from premature harvest. High quality lumber is imperative for sawmilling but small diameter trees were being harvested as well for fuelwood.

The second objective is to protect winter deer yards which require hemlock critical to deer. The deer yards are a source of recreation in tourism dollars.

The third objective, said Hynard, is to ensure logging operations would not conflict with cottage subdivisions, another source of tax revenue for the area.

The forester said there are exemptions to the bylaw, notably for Anson, Hindon and Minden, Crown land. Other exceptions include areas around gravel pits, where roads are being constructed and surveying is

being carried out.

Another compromise which satisfied all parties on the advisory committee was the "sunset clause" limiting the length of the legislation to one year at which time it can be reviewed and altered if necessary.

Deputy Reeve Ed Pergolas questioned Hynard about the arbitrary diameter limit on trees eligible for cutting and the set back of tree removal from lakes and roads. The deputy reeve wondered if the figures decided upon by the Dysart committee were ideal.

Hynard replied the bylaw was developed as a result of concessions on the part of himself and the ministry, and the other members of the group including forest industry personnel and the cottage association representative. He said some of the figures could be called conservative.

McKnight asked Hynard for his views on clear cutting, mentioning he knew of a few areas in the township the land had been abused.

Poplar stands were used by Hynard as an example. He said the tree is tolerant of shade and therefore the suckers grow better after the larger trees are removed. He listed several other shade

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Greg Newell heads for first base after punching a bunt in a Rockcliffe Hustlers-York Tavern Tri-county game Wednesday. The twelve inning contest saw the Hustlers go down to their first defeat of the season by a 4-1 score. More details, see page 7.

## County residents attend Conservative convention

"It was an exciting and impressive convention."

Those words describe Barb Dawson's reaction to the Progressive Conservative leadership convention held in Ottawa during the weekend. Haliburton Village resident Barb Dawson attended as one of a number of delegates representing the riding of Victoria - Haliburton.

"I know this may sound corny, but I was really impressed to see the democratic process in motion and to be a part of it," Barb comments. She found the contact between delegates, particularly the opportunity to meet Canadians from all parts of the country, was an enriching experience. It offered an excellent opportunity to gain a better perspective on the country as a whole.

Barb went to the convention an uncommitted delegate, but she did not go unprepared. Prior to leaving for Ottawa she talked with residents of the county about their vision of the country and the party, considered the positions presented by the candidates and exchanged ideas with other members of the party.

Once at the convention, the speeches and platforms presented by the candidates helped her to form an opinion as to who she felt would be best to lead the Progressive Conservatives.

"On the first ballot I voted for Michael Wilson. I felt he had an understanding of the problems facing our economy, especially because of his business background. I think that we have to get our economy in shape before we can start correct-

ing the programs which exist in other areas. Wilson is also a bilingual Canadian."

Wilson withdrew after the first ballot Saturday. Barb won't say who she voted for on the next two ballots but when it came down to a stand-off between Joe Clark and Brian Mulroney, she voted Mulroney and helped elect him the new leader of the Progressive Conservative Party.

As an uncommitted delegate one imagines that Barb would be under a constant barrage of pressure from representatives of the various candidates. However, she reports that while the candidate's representatives were constantly moving through the crowd, there was no undue pressure exerted. "It was more like an exchange of ideas," she commented. "You would

discuss a candidate's stand on a particular issue and if it appealed to you, it could sway your vote. I think the organizers told their staff they would lose more delegates by using hard sell techniques than attempting to persuade the individual using logical arguments."

Barb found this exchange of ideas stimulating and interesting. "It was marvelous. Everyone was talking to everyone else. It was fascinating being there on the floor of the convention hall."

Prior to the start of convention activities, Barb found herself sharing a position in the registration line-up with former party leader Joe Clark. "He was in line right behind me when we registered. I offered to step aside and let him go ahead but he insisted that I

finish first," she recalled.

Is she satisfied with the delegate's choice of leader for the Progressive Conservative Party. "Yes, I think he'll be a good leader," Barb said.

### Chris Hodgson

Another delegate from the county to attend the leadership convention was Chris Hodgson of Haliburton. Chris was representing a young Conservative club former at the Trent University last year.

"I found it a very exciting experience," Chris related. "It is the best entertainment value going." He noted that as delegates they were involved in activities at the civic centre from nine o'clock in the morning until ten in the evening.

A great deal of the excitement of the con-

vention for Chris came from the 'deals' and rumours of deals between candidates which circulated during the day. "There was always a lot of gossip going the rounds."

Chris was a staunch Crosbie supporter until the candidate from Newfoundland was eliminated following the third ballot. "I voted for Crosbie because of his background. He served as a Cabinet minister at both the federal and provincial levels and has a great deal of experience. On Friday evening he really delivered the goods during his speech. It was terrific."

While Chris' first choice was not elected, he feels Mulroney will serve the party well. "He is as able as Crosbie and has a strong business background. He'll

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